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**Attorney Docket No.: 040064**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Hunter, et al. )  
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**Serial No.:** 10/708,337 )  
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**Filing Date:** February 25, 2004 )  
  
**Entitled:** SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR LOCATING LOST  
PERSONS OR ANIMALS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

September 28, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

Prior to the commencement of examination please amend the application as follows:

Attached is a sheet containing Figure 4 of the application which was omitted from the original filing. Please note that the material contained in Figure 4 does not represent new matter and is described in detail in paragraphs [0020] through [0024]. The figure is merely a schematic representation of an additional embodiment of the invention.

Please note that this is **not** a response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application dated 5/14/2004. The Applicant has chosen not to respond to the Notice of Omitted Item(s), thereby maintaining the original filing date as the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, or 2/25/2004. Because the Applicant believes that the omitted drawing does not represent new matter and is fully described in the specification, the Applicant has chosen to amend the application to include the drawing via this Preliminary Amendment in lieu of responding to the Notice of Omitted Item(s).

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner contact the Applicant's attorney whose contact information is listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Carleton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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